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MUCHISON'S day is approaching. The author of the disreputable Sackville letter should have his reward.

THE rumor that John C. New is to have the Vienna mission may only have been caused by recent developments there as to the habits of the court as represented by the late Crown Prince Rudolph.

A WASHINGTON special to the St. Paul Globe says that Warner Miller, of New York, has been offered and accepted the position of secretary of agriculture in President-Elect Harrison's cabinet. Mr. Miller knows vastly more about the wood-pulp monopoly than he does about agriculture.

THERE is reason to question the authenticity of the London dispatch printed yesterday which stated that Lord Salisbury had instituted an action for divorce. The Marquis of Salisbury married in 1857 Georgiana Caroline, daughter of Sir Edward Hall Alderson and niece of the celebrated Mrs. Ope. Biographies of the marquis printed two years ago do not mention the death of her ladyship or his marriage to any Dolly Lester. It is likely the cable correspondent was confused as to names.

CABINET probabilities as seen by the New York Herald's Washington correspondent last Monday:

- "That Mr. Blaine is in to stay."
- "That Mr. New will not get a cabinet place, but may go to Vienna."
- "That Senator Aldrich may get the treasury."
- "That Gen. Rusk will be secretary of war."
- "That Mr. Thomas, of Illinois, may get the navy."
- "That Mr. Platt may be postmaster general or secretary of the interior."
- "In which case Mr. Miller will be secretary of agriculture."
- "That Mr. Windom's chances have probably blown over."
- "That the cabinet is not yet made."
- "And may not be until 5 o'clock a. m. March 1."

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 14.—Editor of the Independent: Will you be so kind as to inform a reader of your paper if the proper way to spell the name of Clarke in Lewis and Clarke county, is "Clarke" or "Clarke"?

The name is variously given. The act of congress of March 3, 1807, granting lands to Wm. Clark for services in exploring the Louisiana purchase, including Montana territory, calls him Clarke. The river in the northwest named for him is called Clarke. President Jefferson, in his message to congress in July, 1806, called him Clarke. The authorized history of the expedition, begun by Capt. Lewis and completed by Paul Allen, calls him Clarke. All the works upon the expedition, except of T. B. Ellis, 1840, call him Clarke. Our county name is spelled Clarke. In the roster of the regiment of artillery, United States army, 1806, is found Wm. Clark, first lieutenant. Mr. Catlin, who saw him daily for a long time, gives his name both as Clark and Clarke. His son entered the United States army in 1830, a brevet second lieutenant from Missouri, as Merriweather Lewis Clark. Finally, the person in question signed his name "William Clark." The authorities are divided, but Clark was not. He spelled At Clark.

BLAINE'S STATE POLICY.

To be Secretary of State Blaine has already shown evidences that he has not entirely recovered, during the period of his retirement from public office, from his old-time jingling. Thus far it is confined to a desire for the acquisition of territory for sanitary reasons merely—the complaint is only local, as the doctors would say. Mr. Blaine has his eye on Cuba, the possession of which, to his mind, would not only increase our wealth and strength, but be a protection to the health of the nation. As is well known, yellow fever always exists in Cuba, and many times the disease has been brought to this country from that island and become epidemic. Mr. Blaine's theory is that "under the direction of our eminent sanitarians the existing cause of this dreaded disease could be exterminated from every port in the territory of Cuba."

But if the extermination of yellow fever is to be a reason for the acquisition of territory it will be necessary also to obtain possession of Mexico, for Vera Cruz

is as dangerous a port in that respect as Havana. Perhaps, however, Mr. Blaine has that also in mind, for he perceives great strategic advantages in the situation of Cuba, which, lying very close to the southern extremity of Florida and still nearer Yucatan, practically controls the gulf of Mexico. "It actually," says Mr. Blaine, "controls positions which we ought in the natural order of things to possess and control." But besides its strategic importance Mr. Blaine holds that "in point of economy it would be cheaper for the United States to buy the island from Spain at almost any cost rather than it should be a constant menace to the health and prosperity of the southern states. The cost directly and indirectly to the business of the country during the last yellow fever epidemic in the Mississippi valley was greater than the value of Cuba, even if you put it on a mere money basis. But when you consider the peril to life which the fever constantly brings its purchase would not be dear at any price." The coming premier also believes that, "in the hands of the thrifty, energetic, inventive American race, Cuba would add materially to our prosperity."

The one thing evident, however, is that Mr. Blaine has the same notions of territorial acquisition that exposed him to criticism when he was at the head of the state department before. Thus far his suggestions are pacific, but just how long they will remain so is a question for grave consideration.

THE GAMBLING BILL ADOPTED.

The gambling bill has virtually passed both houses of the legislative assembly and is now in the hands of the enrolling committee of the council. It is, as is well understood, not as radical a measure as the governor would like to see enacted, but as it is in the direction of reform there is little reason to doubt that it will receive the executive signature. If the bill, which was carefully prepared under legal advice and has been critically discussed and amended in the two houses of the legislature, is vigilantly executed one of the most flagrant evils which has existed in the larger cities of Montana will be suppressed. It is not to be expected that the present legislature will do as its predecessor did—stultify itself by the enactment of a bill later in the session which shall undo what it has done, apparently in all sincerity, thus far.

Good lawyers who have examined the bill express the opinion that there can be no more playing of sure-thing games under the sanction of law, and that the proof of what constitutes an unfair game is so easy that it will be useless for the proprietors of such games to seek to evade the statute. This being the case, the booster must go, and with him must go the nimble-fingered gentlemen who have assisted in the robbery of so many credulous dupes. Thanks to the loose legislation of previous years, these gentlemen will not find it necessary to walk out of town, but may take passage to their next stopping place in parlor cars and enjoy all the comforts obtainable in modern travel, in which respect they are more fortunate than many of their victims have been. The city will miss them, but it will be a separation to which the city will become easily reconciled.

CIVIL ENGINEERS.

An Interesting Meeting and a Memorial to be Sent to Congress.

The Montana Society of Civil Engineers held its regular monthly meeting last evening at the office of E. H. Becker, chief engineer Montana Central railway, Col. W. W. DeLacy in the chair. The minutes of the annual meeting of the society held in this city and Butte Jan. 19, 21 and 22 were read and approved; also, the minutes of the special meetings of Feb. 11 and 12.

Three new members were elected. The proposed amendment to the constitution changing the name of the society to the Montana Society of Engineers was rejected by a vote of 15 yeas to 16 noes. The chair appointed as a standing committee on topics Messrs. Ellison, Walker and Hovey.

R. J. Walker read a very interesting paper on the present method of conducting public land surveys, pointing out the defects in the present contract system and the inadequate compensation allowed for work under the present law. The present system of land surveys only costs the government about 25 cents an acre. Better work would be accomplished by making the surveys by a corps of salaried men, and conducted as railroad surveys now are. A topographer attached to each party would furnish a fairly accurate map of each township surveyed. After considerable discussion by the members the paper was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. DeLacy, Walker and Foss, with instructions to draft a memorial to congress on the subject, to be presented to the society at the next regular meeting.

A communication from the Engineers' club, of Kansas City, relative to a bill to promote the safety of bridges, prepared by that society for presentation to the Missouri legislature, with a copy of the bill, was referred to the committee on bridges, and the name of Mr. Allison was added to that committee, after which the society adjourned.

Worth a Visit.

The parlors of Doctors Stone and Head are the most elegantly fitted up dental parlors in the city. The rooms have been generally renovated and refitted, and for beauty and convenience are not to be excelled in the west. The operating rooms are apart from the parlors, and the patients are not worried by callers crowding around them. It is well worth a visit to see this elegant place and also have Dr. Head explain to you his new method of extracting teeth without pain.

Expects You All.

The Bon Ton will have a good dinner today and Billy Miller expects every one of his old friends, and as many new ones as can possibly get there, to be on hand between the hours of 12 and 5 p. m. Plenty of good things are now on the markets and Billy doesn't lose any time finding them.

THE DEAD CHIEF.

Remains of the Late N. D. Root Pass

Through Helena on Their Way to Brainerd, Minn.

The Funeral Train and Who Accompany It—Floral Tributes and Emblems of Mourning.

A Widow Secures a Competence Instead of Being in Debt as She Thought She Was—Other Local News.

When the funeral train bearing the remains of the late Supt. N. D. Root arrived at the Northern Pacific depot from the west last evening a large crowd of sympathizing and sorrowing friends congregated around it to pay the last tribute to their beloved friend. The bustle and noise incident to the arrival of an incoming train could not be noticed. Employees of Mr. Root formed the main portion of the crowd. A delegation of these entered the private car of the deceased superintendent, where his body lay in a heavily-draped casket, and placed a pillow of roses, lilies and other beautiful flowers upon it.

In the center of the beautiful pillow was the inscription "Our beloved friend." Another tribute, a floral broken, locomotive wheel was placed at one side of the casket. Attached to this was a beautiful bouquet from Mrs. Wells, of this city, also a wreath from her husband. Another beautiful wreath which found a place on top of the casket was from L. C. and W. McC. White.

The funeral train contained five cars drawn by engine No. 318, which was elaborately trimmed in mourning. On the number plate was a rosette of white and black, a foot and a half in diameter. Over the headlight were the initial letters "N. D. R." On each side of the cab hung two large rods, while the railing was deeply draped in graceful folds of white and black. After the baggage car came Supt. White's private car "Oriole," next Mr. Root's car No. 7, followed by Chief Engineer Kendrick's car "Montana." The last gentleman was with Mr. Root from the time of the accident to his death. A Pullman sleeper was added at this point for the accommodation of the party which joined the train here. The train remained just one hour and will continue on its solemn way to Brainerd, Minn., where the remains will be entombed, and at which point a large number of railroad officials will meet. Every division superintendent along the route accompanies the train to the end of his division.

Mr. Root's loss is mostly felt among the railroad men and his friends. One who looked upon him as a friend. His motto was, "No enemies to punish and no friends to reward." This excellent trait of character endeared him to all. One of his nearest and dearest friends, who with all his great eloquence and beautiful diction, could not do justice in an eulogy to the memory of that noble man. As a husband and father he was much loved and those who knew that no happier home existed than the one over which Mr. Root presided. The grief of Mrs. Root is such that those who have accompanied her say she is not yet over her sorrow. What an awful thing has happened, and since the fateful occurrence she has entirely changed. The little 9-year-old girl, Mabel, tries to cheer her up, but she can't.

The party accompanying the remains are Chief Engineer Kendrick, F. B. Hubbard, Alfred Anderson, private secretary to Mr. Root, Mrs. Lusk, of Livingston, M. Root, chief of the division of railroad, chief surgeon, John Hogan, roadmaster, Geo. McCauley and wife, L. C. White, Col. and Mrs. Sanders went as far as Bozeman.

The depot, general office and uptown office of the Northern Pacific are draped in mourning. The draperies on the general office are very beautiful, the credit of which is mainly due to the wives of railroad men. In the gable is a large cross, from which the drapery is hoisted to the corner of the building, where it is connected with, some of the drapery of the building. The window panes, pillars and cornice are covered in deep black. From the rosettes the drapery falls in loops extending the full length of the front. There are 200 yards of drapery on the building. The depot also bears a large cross and from every corner, door and window the mourning is strung in folds and loops. The mourning on the train is on the places mentioned for thirty days.

MINES AND MINING.

A Deal Consummated at Placer—Description of the Mine—Other Matters.

PLACER, Feb. 16.—[Special Correspondence of the Independent.]—Hazelton and Harris, operating at Placer, have taken up their bond and deed for the Aqua Frio mine, located in the Beaver Creek mining district, near Placer, and become the absolute owners of this property; also the General Custer, which is contiguous and on the same vein. The group in question comprises seven claims, two of which, the Aqua Frio and Custer, are being developed by a force of twenty-five men and with very satisfactory results. The development consists of two shafts sunk on the vein, respectively sixty-five and ninety-five feet deep. From these shafts 325 feet of levels have been driven on the vein without encountering any barren ground. There are also two tunnels; one is being driven to cross-cut the vein at an average depth from the surface of 250 feet; the other is being driven on the vein and is now 250 feet in length. The mine 100 feet below or a maximum of 350 feet from the apex. The last mentioned tunnel has been driven through an ore chute 175 feet in length and averaging two feet in width. The tunnel is now in a second ore body, the extent of which has not yet been determined. There has been as yet no stopping of these ore bodies.

The lead is a contact vein having a diorite (greenstone) foot wall, and porphyry hanging wall; its average width is six feet with a dip of eighty-five degrees from the vertical. The pay streak is not very large, yet constant from one to four feet in width. The ore is not high grade, yet several car loads have yielded good returns, while its average value affords a fair profit to the owner. Shipments were made last September and have continued without any stoppage and are increasing the quantity to the present time. The present output is from twenty to twenty-three tons per day. Recently the Northern Pacific railway company has placed on their main line, two and one-half miles east of Placer, a switch and siding for the better accommodation of this mine, which is only one and one-half miles distant. Other mines in the vicinity will also be accommodated, notably, the well known Iron Age and East Pacific mines, both of which are being worked vigorously.

This old mining camp, which has recently seemed to have waked up a "Rip Van Winkle" sleep, almost touches the outskirts of the city of Helena, and being so near, is well deserving the attention of both prospector and capitalist. Already there is a marked improvement along these foothills stretching from Beaver to Indian creek—old prospects are again being

worked, new discoveries made and claims located. While practical mining men with capital, following on the track of the prospector, are converting some of these prospects into paying mines.

Minning Notes.

There has been some talk of putting in a plant at Helena for the refining of silver-lead bullion. A gentleman who handles a good deal of this bullion said to an INDEPENDENT reporter yesterday that the scheme was not a practical one. His reasons for speaking thus are that at present the silver-lead bars are shipped in car load lots at the lowest minimum of freight rates. The gold and silver contained therein is thus transported to the eastern refineries in the cheapest possible manner. Should it be separated from the lead and then shipped by express, as such precious metals have to be, would greatly increase the expense. And then to look at it another way he says no refinery could be constructed in this section with profit and pay the standard wages of the territory for such labor. While such an enterprise might be a profitable one to have doesn't consider it a profitable venture at this time.

The Great Falls and Helena smelters are very busy institutions at present. The former is working two furnaces and has an abundant ore supply. The Red Mountain mines are regular shippers to it, the principal one of the group being the Lexington, which is worked through a tunnel. Several carloads were shipped from there today and on Monday it is proposed to make a shipment of 100 tons. The Red Mountain district has some good mines and is producing more ore with its force than any camp in Montana. The Whitlatch Union negotiations are still dragging along, but their ultimate consummation within a very short time is a certainty.

REAL ESTATE REVIEW.

A Lively Week and Heavy Transactions—With an Encouraging Outlook.

As predicted last Sunday the week just ended has been a very active one in real estate. And the business is by no means confined to the placing of home capital. Wallace & Thornburgh have invested over \$40,000 for eastern capitalists within the week and report they have all the real estate business they can attend to. A feeling of perfect confidence prevails on all sides and it is the general opinion that the present year promises more for Helena than any preceding one. The influence of the various building operations, together with the general street railway lines, the starting of active work at the new smelter and the valuable improvements made by the city fathers and enterprising property owners is being felt. The prediction is ventured that a great advance in realty will be made within a very short period.

In the Ames addition building operations are being pushed. The operation of the new sampling works near the junction of the railroads on the West Side will give employment to many men who will seek homes convenient to their work and to the Ames addition is affording excellent advantages.

C. F. Ellis & Co. are among the busy firms. During the week they handled quite a heavy transaction, being the sale of the property of Dr. E. E. Brown on Grand street to M. H. Keefe for \$25,000. They have daily inquiries from outside capitalists, who are seeking investment, which indicates that the value of Helena realty is becoming known abroad.

Forster, Muth & Cox report sales for the week as follows:

To Joshua Armitage, lots 1 and 2, block 8, Bassett addition.

To John D. Malloy, lots 4 and 5, block 302, Brooke addition; lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, block 203, and lots 15 and 16, block 195, Ames addition.

To Margaret Fortman, lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, block 239, Ames addition; lots 15 and 16, block 186, Brooke addition.

To R. A. Harlow, lots 9 and 10, block 203, Ames addition.

To F. L. Sudermeister, lots 9 and 10, block 101, Brooke addition.

To J. S. Mawson, lots 13 and 14, block 186, Brooke addition.

To E. Feinzer, lot 8, block 29, East Helena.

To J. E. Crawford, lot 10, block 10, East Helena.

To Sully Buyek, lots 7, 13 and 19, block 27, East Helena.

Wallace, Thornburgh & Co. have sold within the past week twelve dwellings, twenty city lots and some acre property.

PERSONAL.

Col. Daniel Searles, editor of the River Press, is in the city.

J. B. Coulter is over from Butte visiting his cousin Councilman Barclay.

J. M. Ross and W. D. Barclay, of Winnipeg, are registered at the Grand Central.

F. S. Withers, who has been to eastern cities for the past three weeks, returned last night.

G. W. Coal, master mechanic of the Anaconda company, is over from Butte with L. C. Trent.

F. W. Rietzen, a railroad man from Tacoma, arrived last night and is quartered at the Cosmopolitan.

S. F. Beckman, Chicago, B. Haskell, Missoula, R. W. Perry and Will Davidson, of Bozeman, are at the Cosmopolitan.

Carlton C. Crane, passenger agent of the Northern Pacific, was in the city yesterday and left in the evening for Butte.

D. Grant, Fairbairn, Robert B. Smith, Dillon, O. P. Templeton, Livingston, and Walter Rodgers, of Wolf Creek, are among yesterday's arrivals at the Grand Central.

Banker A. J. Seligman, his wife and Mrs. W. C. Child, took their departure for New York last night via the Northern Pacific. They left in the private car of the day's arrivals at the Grand Central, which was sent out here for the pleasure of his son especially for this trip.

Decorations.

Knowing the demand for fine interior decorations and feeling that our city will support a first-class establishment in that line, I have spent the last two months in the eastern market selecting wall paper and decorative material of the best manufacturers and am receiving daily large shipments of wall paper, room mouldings, window shades, curtain poles, etc., at my new store in the Harvey block, Grand street, back of First National Bank. Paper hanging and decorating a specialty.

B. J. HOLMES, Decorator.

A New Mining Company.

The certificate of incorporation of the Gospel Mountain Mining company was filed with the territorial secretary yesterday. The object of the company is to carry on a general mining business in Deer Lodge county. The capital stock is \$1,000,000 and the incorporators Edward P. Mills, Charles A. Bevans, Wilmet Hether, Charles D. Kenyon, Joseph Hantun, James Cum, Ernest Muller, Emil Hansen, Jacob E. Vangundy and W. A. Dasherly.

Job Work.

The INDEPENDENT job rooms are now the most complete in the territory. Within the past few weeks we have received a complete line of new type, and are now prepared to do both plain and fancy work on the shortest notice.

TOPICS OF THE TURF.

Some Speedy Steppers to Enter the Montana Circuit—General Notes.

Secretary Pope announces that the entries for colts' stakes for this coming season's event will close the 1st of March. Many entries have already been made, which, from the reputation of the stables, leads him to believe that some great flyers will be brought to the territory. He has received a number of letters from prominent horsemen of Minnesota, Colorado and California who are desirous of bringing portions of their stables here. Probably the most important horse item of the season is the purchase by Marcus Daly of Favonia 2:15, and the engagement of Scott Quinton as driver. This means a great deal. Senator, who was piloted by Mr. Daly against such horses as Lot Slocum, Charlie Hilton and Rancher failed to come up to expectations, and it is said a good deal of money was lost on him. It looks now as though the big Anahone man intends to pull for the big stakes, by the importation of such a horse as Favonia, which will undoubtedly result in bringing a few horses here who can go as fast as 2:17. At all events Secretary Pope thinks that the finest galaxy of horses ever seen in the territory will figure in the events of this year.

Scott Quinton is to receive \$5,000 salary. He will have full sway over Marcus Daly's trotters.

The chestnut stallion, Woodnut, who was run on the Montana circuit two years ago by B. C. Holly, has been sold by D. Holly, of Walla Walla, to Mr. Steele, of Philadelphia, for \$30,000.

The directors of the Fair Association, at a recent meeting, changed the 2:25 pacing race to a "free-for-all" class, and made the purse \$1,000.

They also decided upon some very important and extensive improvements at the grounds this year. The erection of a large floral hall and grand stand combined will be the work of the season. L. H. Herschfeld, now in the east, will secure suitable plans for the structure.

T. H. Kleinschmidt, Harvey Barbour and Dr. Long have purchased from Noah Armstrong the fine bred trotting stallion Ironzac, sired by Red Wilkes, who sired Prince Wilkes, record 2:14, and nineteen others with records of 2:30 and better. Balzac's first dam was Eva, by Sumter, second dam by Bourbon Chief, third dam by Bertand fourth dam Kate Miller, by Ralph, fifth dam Derabella by imported Eclipse. This horse belongs to the most pre-potent branch of the Hambletonian family of trotters.

Mr. Robert Bonner takes a trip through the park every pleasant morning behind Maud S. She has not had a holiday this winter, and may want all her speed next summer to keep Guy at a distance in the record-breaking arena.

Mr. J. B. Haggin has declared his five-year-old mare, Firenze, out of the Suburban handicap, in which she was assigned 125 pounds. Mr. Haggin, it is said, thinks this is excessive weight for a mare in the spring.

New York Sportsman: Haggin is the only Californian who has won the Kentucky Derby so far. Baldwin made two attempts with good horses, but failed. This year, the fifteenth Derby year, four Californians—Baldwin, Hearst, Murray, and A. B. will try for it. Baldwin has among the entries Caliente, Carriettes, Gany, mede, and Gladiator; A. B. Loney, Murray, Robin Hood and N. Y. M., and Hearst Almont. The most prominent candidates in the race are Sam Bryant's Proctor Knott and Come to Taw, but Almont is the only one of the ninety favorites entered that has run a mile in anything like good time and won. That was at Sacramento at the State fair, when he ran and won in 1:42 1/2 with 110 lbs. on. Later he repeated in the same time, carrying 80 lbs. Proctor Knott's best essay was in a working mile at Saratoga, when he ran in 1:45.

Taking place alongside the great Futurity stakes, the Realization stakes for three-year-olds will undoubtedly be the great turf event of the east this year. It will be run at Sheephead Bay and will be worth \$40,000 to the winner. Of this amount the County Island Jockey club gives \$10,000. The stake originally closed with 217 entries, but among the probable starters the following winners are named: Sensation, Faverdale colt, Salvatore, Fresno, French Park, The Lioness, Reporter, Liberty, Oregon, Tipstaff, She, Long Dance and others; also the 1857 yearlings Florentino, Saracen and Kern.

A TOUCHING ADDRESS.

Col. Robert G. Ingersoll at the Funeral of the Late Mary H. Fiske.

Mary Hewins Fiske, author of the "Giddy Gusher" letter in the New York Dramatic News, of which her husband was the editor, was buried on Feb. 5. The funeral services in the Scottish Rite hall in New York were attended by hundreds of actresses, actors, artists and journalists to pay their last tribute to the warm-hearted, generous woman. The services were strangely solemn and impressive, though no clergyman officiated. At about 11:30 o'clock the coffin, covered by a pall of flowers, was borne up the center aisle, preceded by the pallbearers, Messrs. A. M. Palmer, Harrison, Grey Fiske, Joseph Wheelock, William Winter, Lew Dockstadter, Frank Sanger, Dr. T. S. Robertson and E. D. Babcock.

Dockstadter's quartet, consisting of Harry Pepper, John Davis, Richard Jose and Noble, led by John E. McWade, sang Sullivan's "Lost Chord" as the black, cloth covered casket was placed upon the bier.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, who, with Mr. Harry Edwards, was seated on the right of the flower covered altar platform, was deeply affected when the funeral song echoed through the mystic edifice, and the last notes of the "Lost Chord" died away Mr. Edwards made an address in which he referred to the dead woman's remark, "I don't believe much, but I hope a great deal."

Mme. Julie de Kuyther then sang Cowen's "Never Again," after which Colonel Ingersoll stepped to the foot of the coffin and said:

"In the presence of the two great mysteries, Life and Death, we are met to say above this unconscious house of clay a few words of kindness, regret and love. In this presence let us speak of the goodness, the charity, the genius of the dead. Only flowers should be laid upon the tomb in life's last pillow; there should be no thorns. Mary Fiske cared not for roads nor for beaten paths. She did not follow in the footsteps of others. She went through the woods, across fields, by the winding streams, and down the valleys and over crags wherever fancy led her.

"She wrote lines that leaped into laughter and words that were wet with tears. Her pages were flecked with sunshine, and shadowed in every word were the pulse and breath of life.

"Her heart went out to all the wretched in this weary world, and yet she seemed as joyous as though grief and death were naught but words.

"She wept when others wept, but in her own misfortunes found the food of hope. She cared for the to-morrow of others but not for her own. She lived for to-day.

"Some hearts are like a waveless pool—satisfied to hold the image of a wondrous star. But hers was full of motion, life and light and storm. She longed for freedom; every limitation was a prison's wall; rules were shackles and forms were made for serfs and slaves. She gave her utmost thought; she praised all generous deeds, applauded the struggling, and even those who failed.

"None could fall below her pity, and

none could wander beyond the circumference of her sympathy. To her there were no outcasts—they were victims. She thought of the road they had traveled, the thorns that had pierced their feet, of the deserts they had crossed; so, instead of scorn, she gave them words of hope, and all she had she gave. A god could do no more.

"The destitute and suffering turned naturally to her; the maimed and the hurt sought her open door. She shielded the weak, she attacked the strong; her heart was as open as the gates of day; she shed kindness as the sun sheds light."

Here Col. Ingersoll was speechless with emotion for a few moments, and tears streamed from his eyes as he added:

"If all her good deeds were flowers the air would be faint with perfume; if all her charities could be changed to melodies a symphony would fill the sky."

"A little while ago a babe was found abandoned by its mother, left as a legacy to chance or fate. The babe's heart was Mary Fiske, now cold in death, was touched. She took the waifs, held it to her loving breast and made the child her own."

"We pray thee, Mother Nature, to take this woman to thy breast and hold her there as tenderly in thy arms as she held that abandoned babe. We ask no more."

Over a hundred men and women were weeping as, at the conclusion of his address, Col. Ingersoll sank back into his chair and buried his face in his handkerchief.

FIRST IN EVERYTHING.

The New York Dry Goods Company.

As they are the first in the hearts of the fashionable world of Helena, so they are the first to receive new shipments of spring goods. China silks, surah silks, striped adelia, French satens in new styles and new colorings. Strictly New York prices.

Thanks of the Relief Corps to Miss Shedd.

HELENA, Feb. 15.—Miss M. M. Shedd—Dear Madam: I take pleasure in notifying you that Wadsworth Relief Corps, No. 1, at their last regular meeting, unanimously tendered you a vote of thanks for your generous donation from the proceeds of your "Concert of War Songs." Be assured that it shall be worthily bestowed. I remain, very respectfully,

MRS. R. C. WALLACE, Secretary.

Pneumonia at Granite.

A private letter from Dr. Pleasant at Granite Mountain states the pneumonia troubles there have been grossly exaggerated. He asserts the disease is common pneumonia and has been brought on mostly by exposure. The Granite Mountain company has received plans for a hospital, 50x50 feet, which will be erected without delay as soon as practicable. At present the place is without one of these necessary attributes to a mining camp. The pneumonia, Dr. Pleasant says, has abated to a considerable extent.

The Secret of Success.

One of the busiest firms in Helena at present is that of Messrs. Matheson & Steele, real estate agents. During the last few days they have sold a large number of choices in all portions of the city. They are doing a very successful business in the way of selling houses on the installment plan, and are also offering some very excellent residences and homes for rent. The gentlemen are both well adapted to the business, always making it a point to make no misrepresentations to their customers, hence the success of their success.

Progress.

It is very important, in this age of vast material progress, that a remedy be pleasing to the taste and to the eye, easily taken acceptable to the stomach and healthy in its nature and effects. Possessing these qualities, Syrup of Figs is the one perfect laxative and the most gentle diuretic known.

The election for members of the legislative assembly of New South Wales is completed. They have resulted in the return of sixty-eight ministerials and sixty-nine members of the opposition.

Senator David F. Houston, of Roanoke, Va., fell on an icy pavement yesterday, an rupturing a blood vessel died in a few minutes.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

New York, Feb. 16.—Bar silver, 94 1/2.

Copper—Eastern: lake, February, \$16.50.

Lead—Quiet; firm; domestic, \$3.65.

The stock market was somewhat irregular today, but on the whole displayed a strong to with a fair volume of business, although most of the list was slightly lower at the close in consequence of the bear raid. Government bonds steady.